

Remarks

Claim Objections

Claims 1-10 are cancelled in this Amendment. Therefore, the objections set forth under this heading in the Office Action are now moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 112

Claims 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter the Applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 27 is amended to include a proper antecedent basis for “the ablation or mapping electrode”.

Claim 28 is cancelled in this Amendment.

These changes overcome the “112” rejections.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 103

Allowable Claims

Discussion of the Claims

In this Amendment, claims 1 to 9 are cancelled.

Claims 10-25 are allowed.

Claim 27 has been amended to overcome the “112” rejections.

Claim 28 has been cancelled.

New claim 32, a multiple dependent claim depending from allowable claims 10-25, is added. Claim 32 recites: “a catheter for the ablation of biological tissue, in particular animal or human tissue, including ablation of human myocardial tissue, said catheter comprising at least

one ablation or mapping electrode, producible, in particular being produced with a method according to one of claims 10 to 25".

Since the catheter is produced with a method according to one of the allowable claims 10 to 25, the new product by process claim 32 should be allowable. In particular, a catheter produced according to the subject matter of one of the claims 10 to 25 has a reduced number of electrical interference centres.

New dependent claims 34 to 38 are introduced and relate to further features of the catheter, as previously set forth in now cancelled claims 1 to 9.

Accordingly, the subject matter of the new product claim 32 and new dependent claims are new and inventive. Therefore, the claims, as amended, should overcome the "103" rejections set forth in this Office Action.

Applicant respectfully believes that the claims, as amended, are now all allowable.

PTO 2038 is included herewith authorizing charging a credit card for the prescribed small entity multiple dependent claim fee of \$180 to cover the addition of claim 32. Given the claims cancelled in this Amendment, no further additional claim fees are due with the addition of the new dependent claims.

Wherefore, further consideration and allowance of the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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